

Buy-Out

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the levee," he said.
"Basically, we'll put all of this information into a plan and present it to the city."

The plan, Adcock said, will be written as a joint effort of local, state and federal EMA officials with the cooperation of the Corp. of Engineers.

Asked how long the process of writing the plan will take, Adcock said FEMA director James Lee Whit has committed to having a plan within 30 days.

"We'll provide the plan to the local EMA and the city," he said.

Bodies

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A portion of AL Hwy. 189, just North of Perry's Store, was closed to traffic for several hours until authorities could recover the victims' bodies.

Mrs. Cutts' body was recovered shortly after 2 p.m. since it was visible. After a dive team arrived from Houston County, Mr. Cutts' body was recovered at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Checks

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checks.

The Sutleys were awakened at 4 o'clock the morning of the flood. While they moved some of their personal belongings out of the home they were renting on Washington

Business

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• State Farm Insurance (both agents at Mike McGuire's office at 307 Adkinson)
• H & R Block (located in old Garden Gate Florist building)
• Family Dollar Store
• NAPA Auto Parts Store
• Quality Wood Works

• Magic Mirror
• Southeast Real Estate & Insurance
• Dorsey Trailers

Other businesses which are open that were not damaged by flood include:

• Fuller Brothers Grocery
• Medical Arts Pharmacy
• Pizza Hut

Funeral

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good can come out of a bad situation.

Ellison said his own parents were awakened at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, and alerted that waters were rising.

"What if nobody had called them," he said.

But for the grace of God, Ellison said, many others could also have drowned.

"Grace stepped in between you and between death," he said.

"If one person turns his life to God because of these victims, good has come of this," Ellison said.

The minister said he believes there is a message in the flood for the people of Elba.

"God is trying to give the people of Elba a warning," Ellison said. "God is concerned about you and where you will spend eternity."

"He's trying to make a believer out of you," Ellison said. "Let God make a good thing out of your life in this bad situation."

Schools

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mentary students were encouraged to talk about their experiences last week.

"The children are very resilient, and they're doing as well as could be expected," Mrs. Killingsworth said. "We're giving them all time to share and letting them write about their experiences. That's a good release for their anxiety."

She said there are a few isolated cases in which children need specialized attention and that school counselors are meeting with those children. There also are children who have material needs, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is assisting in that area.

County schools

County education superintendent Roger Bowden said the county school calendar has not been adjusted to make up the three days county

students missed last week.

"We have a principal's meeting set for Thursday (today, Thursday, March 19)," he said. "We have one make-up day built in the calendar, but we won't know until after that meeting what we're going to do."

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The stethoscope, a Littman, is valued at about \$150, and was of sentimental value to the owner. Anyone with information is asked to call 334-222-7833 or to page the owner at 719-4912.

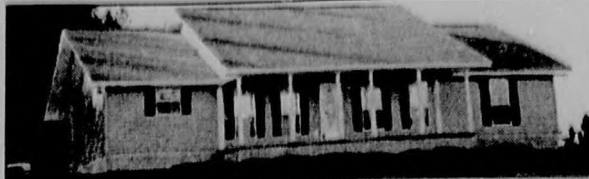
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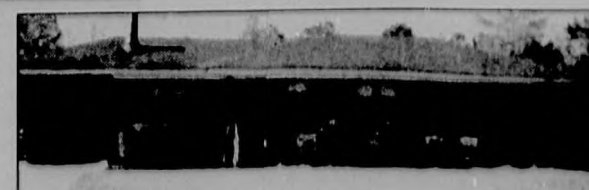


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Council hears details of FEMA options

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

The second council meeting opened Monday night with Mayor James Grimes reporting that the city has until January, 1999, to fully utilize the recent \$100,000 state DOT grant for repaving city streets.

The council adopted a Southeast Alabama Gas District resolution allowing the utility to continue offering competitive prices to industry following federal deregulation of utilities. Councilman John W.

Sharpless explained the resolution to council members.

Fredrick Hamilton, representing Southeast Alabama Planning and Development Commission, presented a resolution authorizing the mayor to set for the city on a grant proposal to relocate low income citizens. He said one public hearing

has been held (with no one attending) and another public hearing will be held on this if the grant is finally approved. The council approved the resolution.

Mayor Grimes announced that

Gov. Fob James was appointing a task force of local and state officials to oversee, and ensure the completion of, the proposed levee rebuilding work and needed a council member to serve with this group. Council member Wenzel Gray volunteered to serve and the council agreed.

The council then adjourned into a workshop mode to view a 25-minute video on various options available from the government to flood areas. It was presented by Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) representatives. Following the video, Ernest Hunter, FEMA representative from Atlanta, addressed questions from council members.

Hunter stressed any decision would be a local decision, there was not an unlimited pot of money (actually a small pot of money) but the local community would decide on how, and if, it is ultimately used. The same video will be shown at a community-wide meeting in the high school auditorium on Friday night at 6 p.m.

Hunter explained there were four options in the "Mitigation" normally offered by FEMA. They include:

- A buy-out in which the federal government would buy property.
- He explained there is limited money for this and it is competitive with all other communities in the 12 counties in the March 8th disaster.
- A "relocation" which would involve moving homes and businesses to higher ground.
- Elevation, which would involve

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Ernest Hunter

Teens charged with murders

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The two teenage suspected of murder in the deaths earlier this month of a Coffee County couple have been returned to Alabama from Sugarland, Texas, where they had been arrested on theft charges. Russell William Cutts, Jr. and Jeremy Guthrie, both 18, were charged with capital murder immediately after they were taken to the Enterprise Airport last Thursday afternoon.

Police in the Texas town had arrested the two on Sunday, March 15, after they were sighted driving the pickup truck belonging to Russell William Cutts, Sr. The vehicle had been reported stolen.

The bodies of Mr. Cutts and his wife, Leighanne Manning Cutts, were discovered Monday afternoon, March 15, after being reported missing under suspicious circumstances. They were last seen alive at approximately 8:20 p.m. Friday, March 13.

Autopsies revealed that couples had died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

Both suspects were taken to the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton.

An initial appearance before District Judge Steve Blair was held Friday morning for both suspects in the temporary courthouse in the old

Enterprise Post Office building. The two defendants were formally advised of the charges filed against them and had their rights explained to them.

Judge Blair also ordered that Cutts and Guthrie be held in the county jail without bond.

On Monday, a special grand jury was impaneled to hear the evidence that has been compiled against the two individuals and decide whether or not to indict them on capital murder charges.

After receiving the evidence and hearing testimony concerning the homicide, both Cutts and Guthrie were indicted for capital murder.

Both defendants were again formally arrested and taken before Circuit Judge Gary McAliley. Bond was again denied and they were returned to the Coffee County Jail.

Guthrie has retained attorney Alice Anderson to represent him. Cutts requested the court appoint counsel.

Judge McAliley appointed attorneys Daniel Carmichael and Debbie Jared to defend Cutts.

The court set formal arraignment for both defendants on Friday, March 27, 1998, at the Civic Center (location of temporary courtroom facility) in Enterprise, AL.

If the two defendants are convicted of capital murder, they could receive the death penalty or be sentenced to life in prison.

State delivers \$100,000 to county

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session Monday evening at 6:30 which was its final "trial" meeting at night.

However, a motion by Commissioner Tom Grimsley to continue the evening meetings on a regular basis passed by a 4-3 vote.

An amendment to Grimsley's motion by Commission Chairman Robert Stephens to hold the 6:30 p.m. meeting on another three-month trial basis failed.

Until further notice, the second bi-monthly meeting of the commission will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

Monday's meeting began on a positive note when members of the county's state legislative delegation - Sen. Dwight Adams and Rep. Garrett Moore - presented the commission with a check for \$100,000.

The money was provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation to be used in the repair of roads and bridges in the county's road system.



COUNTY RECEIVES FUNDS. Members of the Coffee County Commission look on as Alabama State Senator Dwight Adams and State Representative Garrett Moore present a check for \$100,000.00 to Commission Chairman Robert Stephens. The funds are a grant from the Alabama DOT.

Speaking for both himself and Rep. Moore, Adams said, "We will continue to work on the needs of the county brought about by the recent flooding."

The senator also read a senate resolution commending Commissioner Robert Brooks on his appointment to the Alabama Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame.

Charles Webb, director of Coffee

County's Emergency Management Agency, gave the commissioners an update on the county's flood recovery efforts.

He reported that between 450 to 500 homes throughout the county received "minor to substantial damage," while 111 businesses received "slight to major damage."

Webb stated that these numbers were accurate to within plus or

minus 10 percent and that 90 percent of those receiving damage had been contacted.

The director told commissioners that community relations teams from FEMA are surveying the county to ensure everyone who had damage is contacted.

He said funds will be provided by

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Elba students have big plans for break

by Michele Cox Gerlach

The countdown is on! Spring break is almost here and most students at Elba Elementary School say they have big plans for their week off.

"I'm going on a vacation," said fifth grader Evan Tew, "probably North Carolina or somewhere."

Evan said he plans to visit his grandmother in Charlotte, where there are fun things to do, including a neat roller coaster ride.

Alison Smith is planning a trip to visit Morgan Matthews in Mississippi from Wednesday until Saturday.

"They have two malls," she said, adding that she plans to spend time shopping.

Amber Moody will be pulling up stakes during spring break, when she and her family move to Cullman, Ala., where her dad has a new job.

"We have family up there," she added.

Bradley Bane plans a trip to the Montgomery Zoo with his sister. Also high on his list of priorities are sleeping late and playing baseball.

"My mother is going to the beach with my sister and some teen-agers to watch them," fifth grader Alex Benbow said. "Hopefully, I'm



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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A "care package" came to us from the Church of Christ. They are apparently trying to get these boxes of cleaning supplies, food, etc. to all victims of the March 8th flood. Every item in the box is practical and usable... including the Bible. Unless you pick up the Bible and open it, there is no clue where this stuff came from. But folded neatly inside the Bible is a handwritten note from one of the volunteers making up the package. Ours was written and signed by a woman in Tennessee. It was a kind, loving note which left us with feelings of warmth over the whole matter. She, and all her peers, can be assured they are also in our thoughts and prayers. Also, we appreciate and return her short prayer, "May God bless you and keep you in His love and care."

Right after the flood, Mrs. Eria Belcher, the lady who writes "Round and About with Eria," showed up at our newspaper office with some good ham and one of those multi-layered chocolate cakes which contribute to my waistline expansion. We sure appreciate Miss Eria!

Judy Eastburn also made sure we didn't go hungry. She loaded us up with sandwiches, some kind of fancy dip and some good pie. Thanks Judy!

Then there is the fresh pound cake brought to us by Jeanie Swindall, of Brundidge. Jeanie is the granddaughter of a former Elba mayor, the late L. P. Mullins, and his darling wife, Katherine. (We especially remember Mrs. Mullins because she always told any new mail carrier everything would be all right if he would just be sure she got her Alabama Baptist and The Elba Clipper!) Those who remember Mrs. Mullins know she was a very good cook. Well, Jeanie used her grandmother's recipe and has completely mastered the skill of mixing and cooking pound cakes... mighty good! Mrs. Swindall was in town several days with the vast army of volunteers helping clean out flooded businesses and homes.

If this rambling about food leads you to think yours truly is getting back to normal, you are wrong. While we are back to concentrating on the more important things (like eating) we are still a long way from being back to normal... even back to what is normal for us, but are moving in the right direction. This is possible due to first: a strong, loyal family... from Heddy to the three children and the two spouses of these kids; loyal hard working co-workers; great suppliers, friends and the wonderful people of Elba. Add to that the encouragement from those outside Elba who have called to boost us with their moral support. It takes a combined effort to overcome these extreme adversities being experienced in Elba.

There has been a mountain of volunteer help showered on the people of Elba. Most did it because they thought it was the right thing to do and will go unremembered on this earth, except in their own mind. We offer them this small "thank you" to go with their inner satisfaction of helping someone in need. Many of our local folks would not make it without your help. ALSO, "When you help my friends, you have helped me." God Bless each and every one.

When we get back in the real world, there will be the elections of 1998 facing us. Many state and county offices are up for grabs, beginning with the governor and coming down the list. Elba's Terry Butts has retired from the State Supreme Court and has announced as a candidate for the office of Attorney General on the Democratic ticket. Right now he is the only Democrat running for the office. We will try to keep you posted on this race, and the many others, as it gets nearer to election time.

While we are wiping up the mud, repairing buildings, buying new furnishings and equipment, it is a good time to count our blessings. Elba lost two children to the rushing waters on March 8th, but not the 11 in the cabin fire in Pennsylvania; the 11 (or more) dead and over 100 injured from the tornado in North Georgia nor the unknown number of dead rafters from the flash flooding in Oregon. We can replace the material things of life but not those precious lives of loved ones.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 17, 1998, through March 23, 1998. They were: Johnny Sandige, Lorene Vann, Mollie Hudson, James Caylor, Rudolph Wyrosdick, Cory Parker, Herman Carter, Amber Goodwin, Katie Johnson, Stacy Ellis, Lois Whitley, W. B. Baldwin, Marvin Lindsey, Mavis Legear, Debra Grantham, Charles Cole, Marjorie Taylor, Annis Wallace, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Jerry Jacobs, Minnie Hudson, R. C. Boutwell, and Blake Qualls. Persons discharged during the same period were: Flora Mae Smith, Hannah Coleman, Sabrina Slenker, Irene Lampley, James Caylor, Herman Carter, Stacy Ellis, Henry Chestnut, Mavis Legear, Katie Johnson, Johnnie Sandige, Lorene Vann, Amber Goodwin, Charles Cole, Elijah Yelverton, Wanda Beck, Charles Lindsey, Rudolph Wyrosdick, Berry Jacobs, Lois Whitley, and Marvin Lindsey.

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OPINION

Many are working to repair damages

An open letter
to the people of Elba:

The morning of March 8, 1998, a swollen Beaver Creek burst through the levee and into the city of Elba causing extensive flood damage for the third time this decade. In the hours that followed, federal, state, and local officials responded with unprecedented unity and quickness. Just a few hours after the flood, my wife Bobbie and I surveyed the damage by boat, land, and air, and as we observed the heavy damages and losses, our hearts went out to each of you who were devastated by this disaster.

My staff and emergency response officials have received many requests for information and have been asked many questions about what can be done to help return life to normal in Elba. I am pleased to have this forum to answer your

questions and provide updates on the progress of the disaster recovery efforts.

Since the flood, countless government officials have worked diligently to help meet the needs of those affected. Here are some examples: On Thursday, March 12, key members of the state and federal disaster recovery teams traveled to Elba for a town meeting. This meeting was very important in helping us understand your concerns and in letting us know how we could help you. On Tuesday, March 17, another team of state officials flew to Washington and met with Federal Emergency Management Agency officials. At that meeting, federal officials reaffirmed their commitment to identify issues of importance to state and local officials and to work to support our efforts to help you.

I have signed an executive order that creates the governor's Long-Range Disaster Recovery and Avoidance Task Force. This task force will be made up of state and local officials and citizens of Elba who I have asked to gather information and examine all available options to help the city recover. They also will be evaluating steps that could be taken to ensure that such future disasters are avoided.

Lee Helms, director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, has worked very closely with U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby's office to identify federal options to help bring you relief. As a direct result of those meetings, a \$25 million federal appropriation to the Corps of Engineers for them to begin making the needed repairs to the levee in Elba already has been introduced in Congress.

Local legislators, Rep. Garrett Moore of Enterprise and Sen. Dwight Adams of New Brockton have introduced emergency legislation that would provide funds to evaluate the various solutions to Elba's flooding problems, and to amend my \$700 million highway bond issue legislation to provide additional money to make needed repairs to the flood-damaged roads and bridges.

In the coming weeks I will update you on the progress we have made. In the meantime, if you have questions my staff can be reached, toll-free, at 1-800-591-4217. They are ready to help you get answers to questions you might have. I look forward to having the opportunity to bring this information directly to you.

GOV. FOB JAMES

Schools need General Mills box tops

Dear parents,

Throughout the school year, the students of Elba Elementary School, as well as the citizens of Elba, have been busy collecting box tops of General Mills products in a nationwide program called Big G Box Tops for Education. The school

receives 15 cents for each participating cereal box top and 10 cents for each participating snacks and Yoplait multipack bearing the Box Tops for Education symbol. THIS PROGRAM WILL END MARCH 31, 1998. Many of your readers have participated by collecting box tops

from participating General Mills products. Please help us make this one last push for box tops to take us over the top. Remember, the program ends March 31, and all box tops must be submitted by that date. Please bring your box tops to the elementary school before the March

31 deadline.

On behalf of the school administration, teachers, staff, students and families, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to the entire community for their efforts in this program and to General Mills for their generosity in helping to fulfill the many needs of Elba Elementary School.

Sincerely,
LYNN H. BAKER
PTO vice president

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Will solution treat cause or effect?

Dear Ferrin:

During this time of indecision, turmoil, and depression following Elba's latest flood, I figured a letter to you would be the best way to share with others some information received from people more knowledgeable about Elba's flooding problems than I, some local comments and personal observations. The person in charge of the Elba Flood Plain Study made in 1970 by the Corp. of Engineers stated, unofficially, that obstructing of the water flow could create major problems. He specifically mentioned:

1. Removal of the Elba Dam could have an effect on the water level - not a great deal, but could make the difference.
2. The railroad bridge catches trees, logs, etc., which slow down the flow of water.
3. The trees and undergrowth

between the levee and the channel of the river and canal also slow down the water flow. (At one time, the landowners along much of the west side of the river agreed for those areas to be cleared as needed.)

Assuming that the above are true, and they very well might not be, questions could be raised about the effects taking these steps might have had on the '98 flood.

The '94 flood, or high water, according to whether or not the water got to your home or business, as I understand it, was caused by water collecting within the levee due to faulty flood gates. Reports are this type problem has been corrected with the new pumping system.

Moore's Creek creates a problem in Brookdale when we have heavy rainfall in a short time, because the creek bed is crooked and overgrown

with trees, etc. The state was going to straighten it so the water would run off faster, but a property owner objected. After the '90 flood, the bridge on Hwy. 189 was replaced with culverts, which apparently caused the water to back up and cross the highway 250 yards north of the road. This is directly opposite of the "removal or water obstructions" approach.

I was not aware until a friend told me that Geneva had very little damage from the '98 flood. That certainly raises more questions. Why?

Have the above things we have done or not done made our problem worse?

Are we considering that a solution would be to treat the effect or should we be trying to treat the cause?

Yours truly,
J.R. BRUNSON

Flood brings back memories of '29

Dear Sir,

I watched the terrible flood on TV that happened recently in your town of Elba, Alabama. It brought back memories of the one that happened in 1929.

My mother had a cousin, James C. Dixon, and two daughters living there then, and he was a minister of the Church of Christ there.

They told how it rained about three days and nights, terrible thundering and lightning, as well as stormy. A lot of residents were

evacuated to a hotel for safety. They were on third floor, I believe. They had only kerosene lamps, lanterns, and candles for use. A lady went into labor and the ladies delivered her baby, in all fear and confusion.

They were fearful the building could be swept away, as the water was very swift and very deep. I think there were a lot of people there with them.

That was a long time ago, as I was ten years of age then. We lived near Fayetteville, Tenn., then too.

Efforts were unselfish

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank Doug and Glen Davis and Boyd English for their unselfish actions in getting Lillian Rowe from our home to safety during the flood.

These young men sacrificed get-

ting their personal belongings protected, and risked their safety in this evacuation. We will forever be grateful to them.

THE BOB EDMONDSON FAMILY

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

MARCH 16 THRU
MARCH 22, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 16, 1998, investigated the following incidents: one damage to a vehicle (flood), one breaking and entering of a vehicle, and one public intoxication.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for assault and one for public drunkenness. Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: one for DUI and one for driving without a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 16 - Rescue run to Dothan (5:07 a.m.); River Stage - 10:49 feet (7:23 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Polka St. (12:01 p.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (2:47 p.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (9:39 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (11:42 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - Rescue run to a residence on Harris St. (12:12 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Carver Dr. (5:01 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (6:15 a.m.); River stage - 10:01 feet (6:44 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Troy Highway (3:23 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 - River stage - 9:86 (7:01 a.m.); Fight (involving firearm) reported on Dr. Roberts Dr. (11:06 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 - River stage - 11:8 (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (7:07 a.m.); Vehicle burglary reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (7:32 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84 West at Jim Cook Ford (3:12 p.m.); Alarm at Taylor Parts (CarQuest) (10:51 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - Alarm at Elba Elementary School (12:34 a.m.); River stage - 1:44 feet (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at the Peoples Bank (7:31 a.m.); Fight reported at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (7:24 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 - River stage - no report; Alarm at Taylor Parts (2:40 p.m.); Possible fight reported at Elba Villas (9:19 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (11:23 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - Alarm at The Big/Little East (12:01 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Claxton Ave. (2:13 a.m.); River stage - 9:81 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Ave. (6:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Lee St. (6:08 p.m.).

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AREA DEATHS

COLEY D. (Raymond)
MOULTRY

Mr. Coley D. (Raymond) Moultry died March 15, 1998, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was born Dec. 31, 1929, in Pike County, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 21, 1998, at 3 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church, with Rev. H.R. Johnson officiating. Interment was in St. John Baptist Church Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Geraldine of Long Beach, Calif.; a son: Willie Royce Morrow, Valley, Calif.; three daughters: Essie Walker, Annie Williams and Linda Ann, all of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; parents: Mr. Coley and Arlene Moultry, Brundidge; six sisters: Coles Mae Neil, Colen Bandy, Enterprise; Eva Nell Lane, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Mary Haynes, Margaret, John and Maureen Adams, all of Brundidge; five brothers: Louis Frank, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; James A.W. and Johnny, all of Brundidge; Louisco Moultry, Troy; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

SYBIL JUANITA WHITE SCOTT
Funeral services for Mrs. Sybil Juanita White Scott were held March 11, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Elba, with Rev. W.L. Peterson officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Scott died March 7, 1998. She was educated in the Elba School system, and retired from her position there as teacher. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Billy Faye and Arnold (Chip) Kee; a granddaughter: Krista Noel Kee; a sister: Mrs. Lukey (Louise Frank) Cook, niece and nephew, Joann (Clauzel) Ellard and Marion L. (Nadean) White.

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LUMMIE YOUNG
Funeral services for Mr. Lummie Young, age 98, were held March 19, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church, New Brockton, with Rev. Dr. J.L. Grayer, Pastor, Poplar Springs Baptist Church in New Brockton, bringing the eulogy, and Rev. Harvey Williams reading Old and New Testament Scripture. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, New Brockton, with Coleman Funeral Home directing services.

Mr. Young died March 10, 1998, at the Bay Convalescent Center, Panama City, Fla. He was born "Lum Lee Young" on Jan. 6, 1900 in Tuscaloosa County, Ala.

"Mr. Lum" moved to New Brockton in 1927 as part of his job with a large sawmill operation. He met and married the late Addie "Ola Mae" Caldwell Bass. He was one of the first black men who could set up a sawmill and operate a pull saw to make board lumber, and later operated the Lummie Young Store on Dawkins Street in New Brockton. He worked for several prominent sawmills and farmed until his retirement.

Running the community cafe, cutting hair, selling snacks and helping other people's children was his

specialty," said a friend. He and his wife had no children. Survivors include a niece: Grace Mae Young Johnson, Waterloo, N.Y.; step-granddaughter, Katie Mae Bass, Cincinnati, Ohio; special friend, Mattie Simmons Johnson, New Brockton.

THELMA E. WRIGHT ALLEN H. WRIGHT
Mrs. Thelma E. Wright, 76, of Enterprise, formerly of Dothan, died Thursday, March 12, 1998, in Enterprise.

Mrs. Wright was born in Coffee County, and after high school moved to Dothan where she attended business college. She was then employed by Sears, Roebuck where she worked for 41 years until her retirement.

Graveside services and burial were held March 14, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Danny Maddox officiating, and Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Allen H. Wright, age 85, of Enterprise, formerly of Dothan, died Monday, March 23, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Thelma E. Wright.

Graveside services and burial were held March 25, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Seaborn Wooten officiating and Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Survivors of both Mr. and Mrs. Wright include two nephews: Dean White and Jeff White, both of New

Brooklyn; one niece: Mary Cooper, Enterprise; Mrs. Wright's brother and sister-in-law, I.J. and Shirley White, New Brockton; Mrs. Wright's sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Bill Spurlin, Enterprise.

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Covington Electric plans annual meeting

Covington Electric Cooperative's 1998 membership meeting is set for Thursday, April 2, at the Kiwanis Fair Building, south of Andalusia on Hwy. 55/29 (Southern Bypass). Registration will begin at 3 p.m., with entertainment to start at 5, and business session at 7.

Entertainment will feature The Nelsons, as well as Brian Free and Assurance.

More than 30 attendance prizes will be given to lucky co-op members at the meeting, including a

St. Matthews plans Usher Day

The Greater St. Matthews A.M.E. Church of Brantley will have their annual Usher Day on Sunday, March 29. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Rev.

1992 Dodge Ram 50 pickup truck, a 20-inch color TV, VCR, electric grill; microwave oven and \$100 cash.

During the business session nominees to be voted on for possible election to the board are:

District III - Willie B. Smith Jr. and Jimmy Mason, both of Brantley; District IV - Kenneth Carley, Rt. 1, Kinross; Charles Heflin Smith, Kinross; and Billy Wyrosick, Rt. 4, Elba.

Larry Dorsey from North Bay Christian Church of Mobile.

Rev. John L. Dees is pastor of the St. Matthews.

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Field Representative
897-5087

LEARN WINDOWS '95

An evening course is to be offered to the public at Elba High School, beginning Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m.

The course will be an introduction to the Windows '95 operating system and its basic use. The course will cost \$75. It will run one night a week, two hours per meeting, for six weeks.

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Children's photographs which were scheduled to be taken this week at The Elba Clipper have been cancelled

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Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Milton Harrington
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 a.m.

BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST
Eliot Smith
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
F. H. Hill
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays
2:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Bonnie Marler
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD
Lamar Dean
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
J. E. Westley
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy J. Rold
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Marvin Ennis
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J. L. Grazer
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Totten
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Denny Sherrer
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wintford
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Eddie Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Arlene D. Ad
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wintford
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kinross - Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Stephen Dabose
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rev. Ron & Mary Simon - Pastors
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Youth Serv. 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hancley - Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks - Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays 10:00 a.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert McVay - Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Eddie Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HGTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. R. Williams
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:30 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Harris, Linda Williams
Sunday School 10 & 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Cathy Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Rev. McKee
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST - Eberle Smith
Rev. Robert McVay - Pastor
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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
John D. Johnson
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

NEW FREEZER BAPTIST
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tony Dye
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Denny Madison
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hager
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST
J. C. Turner
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Mike Medley
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Raymond Miller
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

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Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

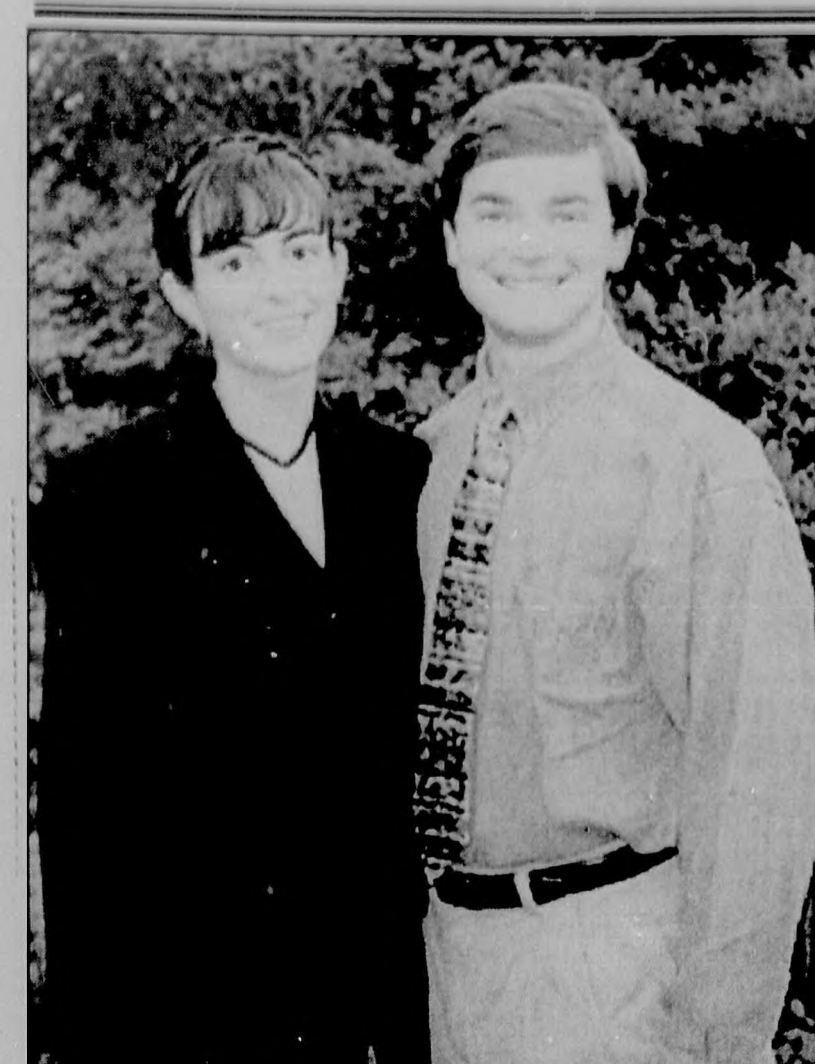
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2nd & 4th Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Keith Price
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Andrew
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.

LIFESTYLES



Miss Bryan, Mr. Brown

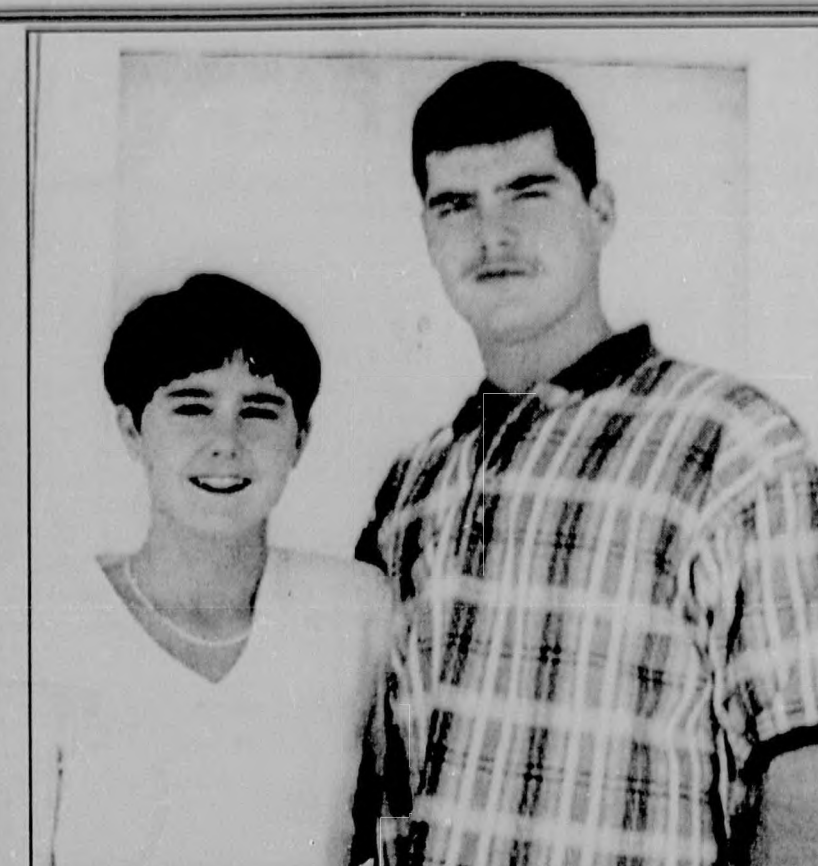
Bryan, Brown plan April vows

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Bryan of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Ann Bryan, to Kevin Lee Brown, son of Mrs. Margie Shafer of Enterprise and Mr. Joseph Brown Jr. of Ozark.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wildon Bryan of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garner of Luverne.

David is a graduate of Greencastle High School, received his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Stanford University and his Ph.D. degree in Organic Chemistry from the University of California at Los Angeles.

He is employed in Hayward, Calif.



Miss Bryan, Mr. Brown

Bryan, Brown plan April vows

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adkinson of New Brockton, and Mrs. Georgina Pires of San Leandro, Calif.

The wedding will be an event of April 11 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Elba.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Arts festival set in April

The annual Piney Woods Arts Festival, sponsored by Coffee County Arts Alliance, is scheduled for April 18 and 19, "under the pines" at Enterprise State Junior College.

The festival attracts 65 - 70 artists and craftsman from all over the country.

FBC drama group entertains club

The Three-In-One Study Club met March 5 at the Elba City Library, with each member serving as hostess.

Mrs. Wilson Newman introduced Mrs. Catherine White, Children's Minister at First Baptist Church. Each member of her drama class introduced themselves, and they performed three entertaining skits.

In addition to club members, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Morrow were present for the entertainment by the children.

Mrs. Wilson Newman conducted the business session of the club.

The Nominating Committee reported officers for the 1998-99 year as follows:

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Reeves honored



Anna Reeves

Anna Reeves was one year old on March 17, and celebrated her birthday with a party at her home on March 22. She is the daughter of Billy Ray and Stephanie B. Reeves of Level Plains.

Grandparents are Johnny and Sheila Brooks of New Brockton, and Janice and William Reeves, Level Plains.

Great-grandparents are Gladys Brooks, Elba; Nell and the late Paul Brooks of Opelika; the late Fannie Mae and Holley Nelson of Jack; and Ouida and the late William Reeves of Troy.

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By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz family stayed out at a hunting lodge last week while continuing its search for a place to call home, and while it did mean a few extra miles to work and school each day, it had far more advantages than disadvantages. The advantages of country living included the clean, fresh air; miles and miles of open fields in which to walk the dog; and a nice, quiet back porch. We are still desperately hunting for a place to rent close to Elba, but have enjoyed our days in the country.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK

*** The Elba Lady Tigers posted three wins last week to push their early-season record to 5-0, and while it is always a good feeling to be undefeated, the Lady Tigers have to keep their sites focused and will have to realize that the losses will come somewhere down the line, and the sign of a really good team is its ability to rebound after a loss. The Lady Tigers have scored runs in bunches in their five wins and have averaged 15 runs a game, while the defense has also been impressive as it has allowed only 4 runs a game. The Lady Tigers are off to a fast start; however, the season is still very young and the girls and coaches have to remember that there will be bumps along the way. Stay hot, Lady Tigers, and do your best to win 'em all!

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will conclude its youth baseball and softball registration this week, and if coaches can be found, the teams will be divided up next week. The recent flood has put a damper on the registration process, but once the teams are chosen and practice begins, you can bet the kids who play to register will do so in a hurry. C'mon, sign up now to make the player draft as smooth as possible.

*** The NCAA Final Four field is now set, and I showed my skills in picking the college teams by having three of my four picks fail to make it to San Antonio. I'll admit that the semifinals will be interesting; however, I will also admit that I'm not all that excited about basketball, any more.

HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND NOTES

Gamecocks rally past Luverne 13-11

The New Brockton Gamecocks kept their playoff hopes alive Friday night by staging a late rally to stun the Luverne Tigers, 13-11, in New Brockton.

The win improved the Gamecocks' record to 2-3, 1-2 in Area 4 action, while Luverne saw its record slip to 5-7, 1-1 in Area 4 play with the loss. Luverne jumped out to an early lead and owned a 7-2 advantage in the third inning, only to see New Brockton rally with 10 runs in the final three innings to claim the exciting win.

Jason Caradine and Robbie Kinsaul each ripped three-run homers to lead the Gamecock rally, while Charlie Driggers added three hits, and Pat Harrison and Jason McKenzie each delivered key hits.

Rebels fall hard to Goshen 19-5

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their search for their elusive first win of the season Tuesday afternoon in Goshen, but found the going a little too tough as the Eagles scored past the Rebels, 19-5. Chris Sanders picked up the loss for the Rebels, but did manage three hits at the plate.

Zion Chapel ripped by Raiders 25-0

The Zion Chapel Raiders remained winless on the season in falling to the Houston Academy Rebels 25-0, Friday night in Elba. Houston Academy collected 19 hits in improving its record to 7-5, while the Rebels managed only two hits in the loss.

Lady Tigers defeat Kinston

The Elba Lady Tigers pushed their record to 3-0 last Thursday afternoon with an 11-7 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, in Kinston. Kinston jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Elba answered with six runs in the top of the second to take a commanding 6-1 advantage.

Singles by Vaughan Boyd, Michelle Lewis and Melissa Mularz ignited the second inning rally, while a big hit was a two-run homer

Youth coaches needed

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for coaches for the upcoming youth baseball and softball seasons.

For additional information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Lady Tigers sweep Brantley

The Elba Lady Tigers remained undefeated on the season Friday afternoon by sweeping a double-header with the Brantley Lady Bulldogs 12-2, and 14-5, at Hawkins-Williams Park.

The wins improved Elba's record to 5-0 for the young season.

The Lady Tigers fell behind and then came roaring back to pound the Lady Bulldogs 12-2, in the opener of the twin-bill.

Brantley scored two runs in the top of the first to give a 1-0 lead, only to see Elba manage to score five runs in the bottom of the

first on only two hits to take the lead for good!

Three Brantley errors aided the early Elba explosion, while the big hit in the frame was a three-run home-run by Roshanda McKinnon. Melissa Mularz tripled and later scored on a fielder's choice as the

Lady Tigers pushed their lead to 6-2 in the second, and the Lady Tigers then added three runs in both the third and fourth innings to blow the game open and claim the 12-2 win.

Kendra Vaughan, Roshanda McKinnon and Leslie Stinson all got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate,

with McKinnon and Lindsey Jared both collecting home-runs. Melissa Mularz limited Brantley to only two hits in taking the win.

The Lady Tigers jumped ahead early and never looked back to claim a 14-5 win to complete the double-header sweep over Brantley.

Neither team scored in the opening inning, but the Lady Tigers came out swinging their bats in the second inning and scored eight runs on nine hits to take command.

A triple by Vaughan Boyd and a home-run by Lindsey Jared were key hits in the early uprising, with

Boyd getting two hits in the frame. A triple by Lindsey Jared ignited a two-run outburst for the Lady Tigers in the third as Elba's lead went to 10-3, and the Lady Tigers easily held on to post the 14-5 win.

Michelle Lewis got three hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Lindsey Jared ripped two hits, including a triple and a home-run. Also getting two hits for Elba in the win were

Bonnie Vaughan, Melissa Grantham, Vaughan Boyd, Melissa Mularz and Leigh Kelley. Melissa Mularz allowed six hits in claiming the win.

Tigers fall to Wildcats in double header, drop to 5-5 for season

The Elba Tigers dropped a double-header to the Enterprise Wildcats over the weekend to see their losing streak reach five games, and their record slip to 5-5 after opening the season with five straight wins.

"We have looked like two different teams in the opening ten games of the season," said Coach David Lowery. "In the first five games we averaged 11 runs a game and won all five, while in the last five games we have scored only three runs a game and killed ourselves with errors in all aspects of the game. If we hope to get back to winning, we will have to play solid defense and quit beating ourselves."

The Tigers followed their opening three wins over Charles Henderson and Arton with a big 15-8 win over the Luverne Tigers. Derek Marler got three hits and scored three runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Josh Dawkins and Brooks Creel both added two hits.

The Tigers traveled to Enterprise over the weekend and saw their losing streak reach five games with a 6-4 and 13-2 double-header loss to the Wildcats.

In the opener, the Tigers saw the Wildcats pull out to a 6-2 lead and hold on to claim the win. Julian Mitchell and Brooks Creel both got 2 hits to lead Elba, while Brandon Salter took the loss as he allowed nine hits in six innings.

The Tigers failed to get a hit in the nightcap as the Wildcats won easily. Josh Dawkins took the loss as he allowed six hits in two innings of work.

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RODNEY AMMONS caught this 23-1/2 pound channel catfish while fishing on Saturday, March 7, at a local pond. He was using chicken liver for bait.

Pre-season meeting set

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host its final pre-season meeting on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 PM, for anyone wishing to enter a team in the Elba Men's Softball League.

A minimum of six teams must enter the league if it is to be formed.

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Editor's Corner

New cheerleaders chosen at EHS

by Anna Head

It's hard for me to believe that six years have gone by since I tried out for cheerleader for the first time ever at the Westside Baptist Church gym, and then went home to anxiously wait and wonder if my name would be called out on WZTZ.

Melissa Maddox wrote the article in "Tiger Tales" announcing the results of this tryout, and I still have it at home in my scrapbook.

In Melissa's article, she wrote that it was hard to give up her spot, but that she knew the new cheerleaders would carry on just fine. At that point in my life, it seemed that my time to move on was years and years away, but now here I sit, in the very position that once seemed so far in the future.

However, before I list the name of the 1998-99 Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders, I would like to say that for me, the past six years have been really great! Whether it be actually cheering on the field or court, singing on the bus with the players after an away game victory, practicing, participating in Homecoming activities, or having a long talk with fellow cheerleaders,

it has been an experience that I will always cherish. And now I'm proud to announce another group!

This year's upcoming Junior Varsity squad is made up of five returning cheerleaders and five new additions. They are as follows:

Freshmen - Captain - Chelsea Cooper; Co-Captain - Kerri Lawford; Casey Skinner, Katie Crowe, Sara Purvis, and Melissa Kelley; Eighth Grade - Devri Killebrew; Seventh Grade - Anna Anderson, Casey Grantham, and Mary Katherine Head. The Junior Varsity mascot will be Brandy Davis.

The 1998-99 Varsity cheerleaders are a primarily experienced squad with three JV freshmen moving up, five returning Varsity and two new members. This year's Varsity squad is: Seniors - Captain - Laura Crowe; Co-Captain - Julie Roberson and Lisa Wing; Juniors - Co-Captain - Emilee Benbow, Katie Vaughan, and Lindsey Jared; Sophomores - Cammie Kelley, Melissa Mularz, Oneida Davis, and Carmenda Coleman.

Congratulations to all of you!!!



Mrs. Wilson's fifth grade class with Eddie Brown

Fifth-graders visit with pen pal

Mrs. Mary Lois Wilson's fifth-grade class enjoyed a visit from their Landstar Poole truck driver pen pal, Mr. Eddie Brown.

Mr. Brown sends the class post cards from Canada and states

throughout the United States. His visits are always educational as well as interesting.

Landstar Poole is sponsoring a Safety Poster contest for the class.

The goal for this year was 70 donors. The community and school

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SCHOOLS

Tiger Tales

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Lady Tigers open season, defeat ZC in double header

by Bonnie Vaughan

The 1998 Lady Tigers Softball Team got their season off to a great start on Tuesday, March 3, at Hawkins Williams Field.

In their first double-header the Lady Tigers, shut out Zion Chapel 20-0 then defeated the Lady Rebels again 18-7.

Home runs were scored by Roshonda McKinnon, Vaughan Boyd, and Bonnie Vaughan.

The Lady Tigers have 31 total games scheduled to play this season and hopefully it will be a successful one.

Good luck!

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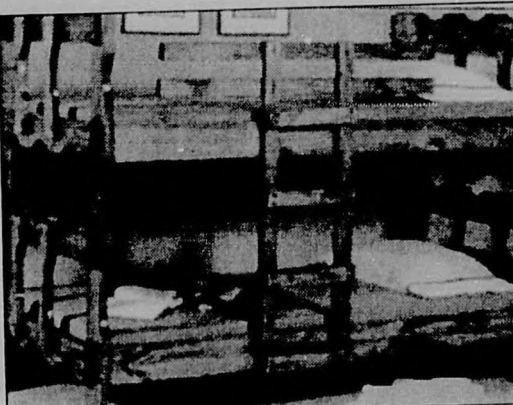


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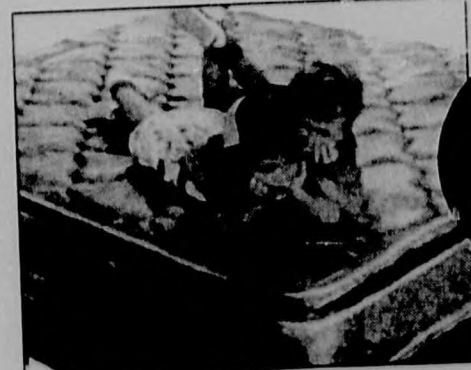
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Beta Club initiates members

by Laura Williams
The Zion Chapel High School chapters of Beta Club and Junior Beta Club held initiation in the high school auditorium at 2 p.m. on March 4. Sponsor Sonya Shaw organized the ceremony. Mrs. Shaw welcomed the initiates and guests. Senior Member Jamie Hall then read a short poem. Each of the Senior Beta officers then recited the characteristics that the members would be expected to show. These included character, leadership, courage, and service.

Membership officer Tessa Hall then presented each new member with a black and gold ribbon as President Laura Williams called their name.

Initiates for Senior Beta Club were Jessica Kelley, Heather Halsey, Mikondia Jones, Amie Perry, John Arnold, and Chan Grantham. Junior Beta Club members who were initiated were Macon Hedge, Jonah McWaters, Jason Danley, Jeremy Eddins, Allan Harrison, Anna Miller, Bobby Pennington, Tabetha Presley, Keri Senn, Brittany Thompson, Cory Williams, Ashley Smith, Kimberly Rayburn, Jamey White, Randall Brunson, Kacy Clark, Kim McClain, Amanda Perry, James Simmons, Jonah Edmonson, Russel Faircloth, Ashley Wambles, Zane Tracy, and Perry Cauthers.

The students, sponsors, and guests then enjoyed refreshments provided by the Senior Beta Club.

FHA holds fundraiser

The Zion Chapel FHA organization held a fundraiser Feb. 23-March 2. The members did an excellent job of raising money. The fundraiser was to make money for the FHA cookout on April 30. It also helped finance the FHA projects and the FHA state meeting which will be held on April 16-17. The fundraiser included the sale of Beanie Babies, Precious Moments and Easter items and candy.

FHA members also won prizes for selling the items. The prizes depended on the amount of money each member collected.



All-conference basketball team members named

by Wesley Clark
Kendra Ward, Josh Grantham, and Wesley Clark were named All-Conference for basketball. Tina Johnson and Ben Pritchett were named as honorable mentions.

The conference includes seven schools: Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton, G.W. Long, Samson, Arifton, and Houston Academy.

The coaches from these seven

ZC FBLA members conference finalists

Seventeen members of the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America were finalists in 11 out of 24 of the events entered by the chapter at the District IV Conference.

Jason Spear and Justin Prescott were finalists in the Entrepreneurship competition; and Alisha Walker, Carissa Walker, Kendra Ward, Rebecca Ward, and Michelle McIntosh were finalists in the Parliamentary Procedures competition.

Other finalists were Amanda Sanders, Business Law; Tara Grant, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Sarah Maddox, Introduction to Business Communication; Heather Arnold, FBLA Policies and Procedures; Chastity Weed, Machine Transcription; Amanda Ellis, Public Speaking; Mallorie and Kristin Johns, Desktop Publishing; Jamie Hall, Mr. FBLA; and Laura Williams, Ms. FBLA.

Each of these finalists will compete at the State Conference that will be held in April.

schools get together and vote on players from each team. The number of players chosen depends on what place your team was in the conference.

Congratulations to the players!

Rebel News Briefs Students compete

SECOND GRADERS DO SCIENCE PROJECTS

by Amanda Ellis
Science Projects were completed by the second graders in the class of Mrs. Sylvia Hudson. They had two weeks to make one habitat of the ocean, rain forest, forest, or desert. They have been studying each habitat in their science class. The students were given number grades for the projects they did.

SPEAKER TALKS TO FOURTH GRADE

On February 25, Porchia Jones spoke to the Zion Chapel fourth grade classes about agriculture. She discussed peanuts and how they were planted. She also talked about George Washington Carver and the contributions he made to society.

FOURTH GRADERS MAKE LOG CABINS

Fourth graders in the classes of Mrs. Beverly Liptrot and Mrs. Chris Satley finished their log cabins during the first week of February. The class made the log cabins from straws, branches, and popsicle sticks. A total of 64 cabins were turned in. The highest grade that could be made was a 100.

ANNUAL STAFF SELLS ADS

by Danielle Richards
On Tuesday, March 3, the ZC Annual Staff sold ads for the upcoming yearbook, REBEL 98. The staff was divided into small groups and sent to different places to sell the ads. Each group went to a different town or city.

Ashley Nelson, Beth Levent, Amanda Ellis, and Laura Williams sold ads in Troy; Tessa Hall, Tina Johnson, and Salena Shuman sold ads in Enterprise; Amy Eddins, Amanda Sanders, Wesley Clark, Suzanne Simon, and Michele Sawyer sold ads in Elba; and Danielle Richards and Mandi Bachelor sold ads in Brundidge.

The staff will continue to sell ads for the next few weeks. The Ad Sale Campaign is essential for the financing of the yearbook and the staff and sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan, would like to say thank you to the businesses who bought the ads.

BALFOUR REP VISITS

by Amanda Ellis
Balfour representative, Mr. Rusty Parker, visited Zion Chapel High School on March 18 to deliver graduation invitations to the seniors. The seniors paid the balance due on the bills from ordering the invitations and other graduation items.

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Round and about with Eria Belcher

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***Scripture: 1 Tim. 1:16
***Thinking of you, praying for you: The Shipman and Lee families, Annie Pearl Bullard, Mary E. Russell, Mary B. Belcher, Grover Belcher, Pearl Tillis, Doris Waters, Ben Folmar, Luc Head, Jimmie C. Brooks, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. J.M. Bryant.

***The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union will meet with Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, on March 29, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor. Theme: "All my help comes from the Lord." Scripture: Psalm 70:1.

Women's Dept. - Sis. Lessie Davis and Sis. Maggie Bryant; Youth Dept. - Sis. Brittany Daniels; Officers: President - Rev. J.M. Bryant; Vice President - Dea. J.L. Williams; Secretary - Sis. Eria Belcher; Asst. Secretary - Sis. Mamie Williams; Corresponding Sec. - Sis. Catherine Carpenter; Treasurer - Dea. Grover Belcher; Women's Dept. - Sis. Lessie Davis, Chmn.; Sis. Maggie Bryant - Co-

chairperson; Youth Dept. - Sis. Brittany Daniels; Youth Teacher - L.E. Flowers, will be held April 11, beginning at 7 p.m.; theme: Psalm 8:1; Choir President - Dea. J. Jackson, 334/897-9161. "Come and praise the Lord in song with us!"

***NAACP Youth Branch, Coffee County Chapter, Founders Day Celebration, Saturday, March 28, beginning at 6 p.m. at Pleasant Grove M.B. Church, Coppingville Rd., Enterprise, Rev. H. Rodgers, pastor; theme: Exodus. "The Struggle Continues" - Ex. 5:1-2; occasion - Connie Conrade, History of NAACP - Alisha Jolly; Selection - Butler Children; instrumental solo - Ronald Carter; Poems - Kristilyn Whigham and Dorothy C. Richardson; Panel Rev. H. Bridgette and Mr. Allen Scamers, Rev. R. Alvin, Rev. Stevenson Tullis and Lincoln Boys Club, Dothan; special guest choir - Greater Beulah Youth Church, Dothan; tribute - Brandie Haynes; remarks - Charlie Harris Jr., Pres. Sr. Branch - Mitie Hutchinson

and Mary Harris, youth advisor. ***Annual Choir Night of New Philadelphia COGIC, Elba, pastor L.E. Flowers, will be held April 11, beginning at 7 p.m.; theme: Psalm 8:1; Choir President - Dea. J. Jackson, 334/897-9161. "Come and praise the Lord in song with us!"

***Youth Activity Day, 1998, will be held at the Sports Complex in Opp on April 18, beginning at 9 a.m. There will be softball for ages 8-14, and ages 15 and up; and basketball for boys ages 12 and under. For more information call Ronnie and Lisa Caldwell - 493-0108; Patti Culver - 897-8216.

***Friday night, March 20, members of the Rocky Head M.B. Church Ensemble, Elba, and Shiloh Baptist Church attended the annual Youth Revival of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Troy, Rev. C.L. Hollis, pastor, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church and Shiloh Baptist Church of Tarentum, was evangelist for the week.

Theme: Eccles. 12:1; motto - "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

***Members of Rocky Head M.B. Church and Shiloh Baptist Church Ensemble attended the annual Matron/Missionary Day, Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rucker Blvd., Enterprise, Rev. Paul Grider, pastor, Rev. A.R. Williams was guest minister. The group also attended services at Benevolent Grove Baptist Church, Needmore, Ala., Rev. L.P. Carter, pastor.

***Youth Revival: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor, will be held March 25, 26 and 27, at 7 o'clock each night. Evangelist will be Rev. Robert Edwards, Associate Minister of Grove Baptist Church; theme - "Keeping God Before Us."

Wednesday, March 25 - Devotional - Poplar Springs & Mt. Calvary, sermon - Rev. R. Edwards; Thursday, March 26 - Devotional - Philadelphia COGIC and Rocky Head; sermon - Rev. R. Edwards; Friday, March 27 -

devotional - Oak Grove Greater New Zion; sermon - Rev. R. Edwards.

***Today is a good day! Be grateful. ERIA

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Opp Jaycees plan benefit for victims

"Rattlin' Relief 98," sponsored by the Opp Jaycees, will be held Sunday, April 5, 2 p.m. at Channel-Lee Stadium in Opp. Featured artists include Confederate Railroad, Billy Joe Royal, and others to be announced.

Proceeds will benefit area flood victims.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate; children ages 5 years and younger admitted free.

Rain-check location is the Kiwanis Fairground in Andalusia. For more information call the Opp Jaycees at 334/493-9559.

Damascus BBQ set Saturday

Damascus Homemakers Club will sponsor a barbecue on Saturday, March 28, at the old Damascus School Lunchroom. Plates will be \$5.00 each.

Proceeds will go to help purchase a van for the senior citizens.

Pleasant Ridge to host singing

There will be an old-fashioned 7-Shape singing at Pleasant Ridge Church, near Victoria, on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 7 p.m. This will be the regular Saturday-night-before-fifth-Sunday singing. Everyone is invited.

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GENEROUS DONATION. A sizable donation was hand-delivered to Elba Mayor James Grimes from St. Paul Baptist Church of Demopolis, AL, in Marengo County. The money will be placed in the City of Elba Flood Relief Fund of '98. Pictured above are (l-r): Gidd Russell, deacon at St. Paul's; Freddie Armstead, chairman of the Marengo County Commission; Tommie Reese, chief deputy Marengo County Sheriff's Department.

Businesses re-open, move to temporary homes

The following is a list of Elba businesses that have already re-opened and doing business. They are:

- Gloria's Beauty Salon (original location downtown)
- Mr. Henry's
- Grantham's True Value Hardware
- Johnson O. K. Tire Store
- Big/Little Store No. 13
- Windham Lumber Company
- Southern Country Realty (located across from Movie Gallery)
- Cook Chevrolet (Jim Cook Ford)
- The Peoples Bank (next to Jim Cook Ford)
- SouthTrust Bank (temp. facilities at same location as before flood)
- Dairy Queen
- Bradley's Florist (located in old Garden Gate Florist building)
- Runt's Elba Auto Sav Texaco Station
- Clements' Furniture Co.
- Hair Studio (located across from Movie Gallery in house with Southern Country Realty)
- Dollar General
- Marty Marler Attorney-at-Law (located at 1005 Farris St. across from Dairy Queen)
- Cannon & Vaughan
- Gerald Boswell Insurance
- Lawford's Ace Hardware
- Jared & Jared (next to Windham)

Courthouse still closed

Circuit Judge Robert "Bill" Barr issued a court order last week temporarily closing the courthouse in Elba, and it remains closed at the present time.

Coffee County Probate Judge Bill Gammill stated that all his office's services (car tags, titles and licenses) have been moved to the Enterprise office located in the old Post Office on Grubbs Street.

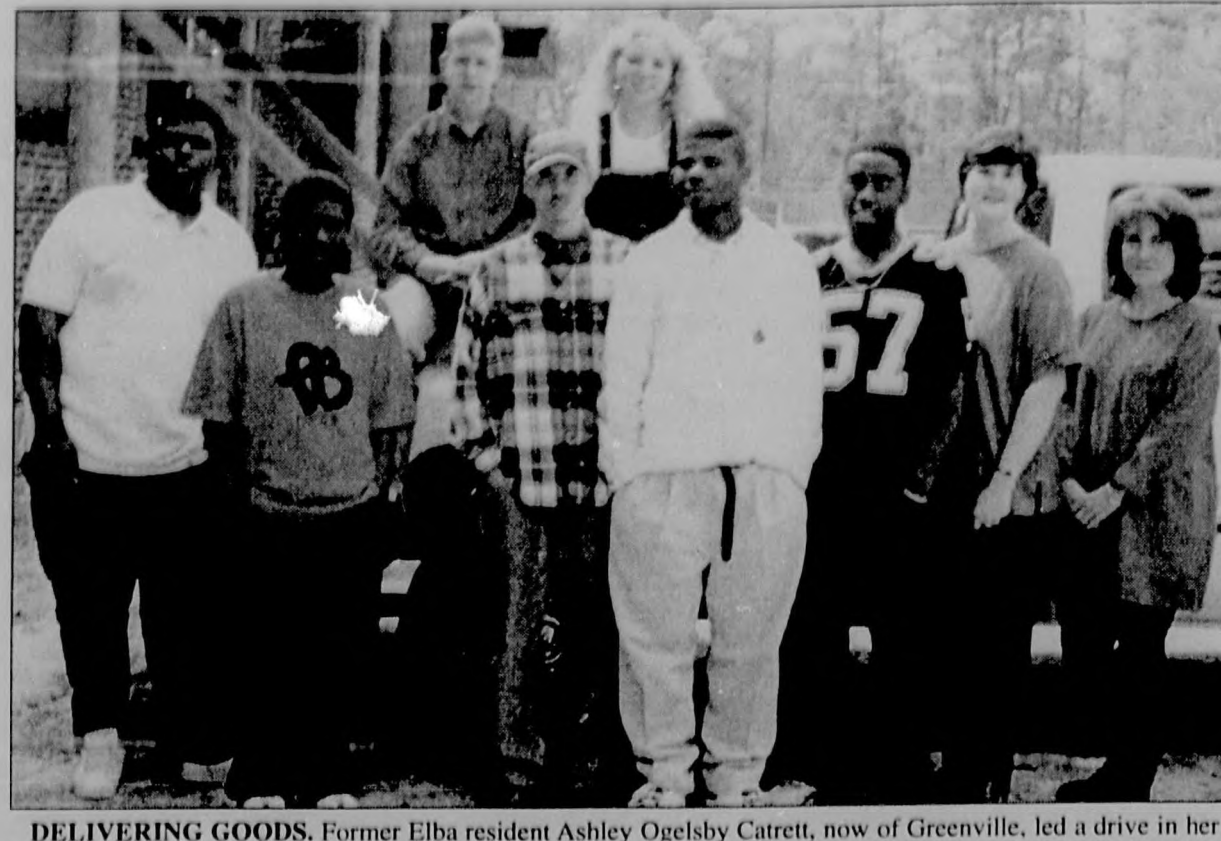
He said that anyone having recording business or who needs a copy of a deed or mortgage should go to the Farm Center in New Brockton.

All services are now fully restored at the above locations. Judge Gammill and his staff hopes the inconvenience of the temporary locations will be as short as possible.

At the present time, Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis continues to conduct all transactions of his office in the Enterprise office also located in the old Post Office building.

The Revenue Commissioner's office has moved its Elba operation to the Mapping & Appraisal Office in New Brockton adjacent to the County Complex and the Enterprise office located in the old Enterprise Post Office.

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III- GREENE (PG)	M-F 7&9-10 - \$8.50
Barclay's Video Store & Sun	2 p.m. only - all seats \$3



DELIVERING GOODS. Former Elba resident Ashley Ogelsby Catrett, now of Greenville, led a drive in her new home for flood victims. A teacher at Greenville High School, Mrs. Catrett and a group of students delivered the items to Elba on Monday. Shown are (front row from left) Victor Knight, Demario Bailey, Richard Piggott, William Owens, Marcus Murphy, Mrs. Catrett, Kay Meredith; (back row) Travis Johnson and Tina Gay. Mrs. Catrett is the daughter of Fred and Virginia Ogelsby.

that were not damaged by flood are:

- Elba Bait Shop
- Fuller Brothers Grocery
- Medical Arts Pharmacy
- Pizza Hut
- Subway
- Elba Auto Parts
- Big/Little Store No. 21
- Movie Gallery
- Customized Cleaners
- Bradshaw Pest Control
- Dubose Mobile Home Sales

Any other businesses that are open and are not on the above list should call The Elba Clipper @ 897-2823.

Marty Marler, Attorney at law

has temporarily relocated his law office to 1005 Farris Street (across from The Dairy Queen)

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Covington Electric Co-op Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, April 2

Don't Miss The Action



Andalusia Kiwanis Fair Building
Registration - 3 p.m.
Entertainment - 5 p.m.
Business Session - 7 p.m.

In addition to six major prizes, about 30 other gifts will be awarded. Registered co-op members will receive a free light bulb and other useful gifts. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the business session. Members must be present to win any of the six major prizes, but do not have to be present to win the other prizes.

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Co-op employee Susie Adams shows the 1992 Dodge Ram 50 pick-up truck to be given away April 2 as the top prize at the 1998 membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative.



Other major prizes to be given away are (from left) a microwave oven, a videocassette recorder, a 20-inch color television, \$100 cash, and an electric grill with rotisserie.



HELP DELIVERED. More than five tons of supplies collected by a group of Air Force volunteers, all members of the 96th Transportation Squadron stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, were delivered to Elba area flood victims Monday. The volunteers set up a donation station at the base commissary, and also accepted cash donations. The more than \$2,000 in cash donated was used to purchase items known to be needed in Elba, including baby diapers, canned meat, baby food and other items. Shown as they were unloading the gifts are (from left) Senior Airman John Velamo, Senior Airman Louis Cardenas, Staff Sgt. Joseph Waddell, Tech Sgt. John R. Shuck, Gene Eastburn, and Staff Sgt. Timothy Schneck. Shuck is the son-in-law of Gene and Judy Eastburn of Elba.

New Brockton residents asked to use containers

Residents of New Brockton are requested by City Hall to use the new brown garbage containers from MDI for their garbage pickup. The new collection contract with MDI began March 7.

Times for pickup remain Monday and Thursday; containers should be placed with handle to the road and should be out before 6 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Old containers with any uncollected garbage should be placed beside the road for pickup by the former contractor; if the old containers are empty, they should be placed away from the road for pickup.

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Council

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raising homes and other buildings above the flood level. This would also involve "flood proofing" buildings which can't be moved or raised.

• Creating a new city building code that would require structures in a flood zone to meet much higher standards to protect them from disasters.

NOTE: The City of Elba now has a code section which forbids building in certain areas without elevating above the 100-year flood mark. Hunter could not tell the council how much money is available for any of these proposals. He said this information should be available in 60 to 90 days.

As the meeting adjourned, Mr. Hunter explained to individual questioning that either or all of these options could be combined with the rebuilding of the levee with the \$25 million presently being con-

sidered in the U. S. Senate for the Elba and Geneva levees.

Questions about the buy-out dominated the questioning from council members. Hunter said, "The program doesn't have enough money to move the whole town." He explained that if a buy-out is planned, the city council would set the guidelines and be the ultimate decision maker on what is bought and what must wait until later. Hunter also explained that these applications are competitive and if Elba's application contains buildings which are rated higher (for potential future flooding) than those of other communities, Elba approval would rate higher on the list.

FEMA funds for a buy-out (at 100% of pre-flood appraised prices) are 75 percent to 25 percent matching funds with local government or other agencies making up the difference. Mayor Grimes said he knew of one community where the property owners had to absorb 10 percent of this price.

Students

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going to get my friend Ryan to go, too."

Rebecca English plans a visit with her Aunt Fleming in Monroeville.

"We'll probably stay a day or two," she said.

First grader Michael Jason said "We might go to the beach, Destin or somewhere else."

But Michael is among the students who will miss school next week.

Tre Brunson said he'll miss school, too.

"I like school," Tre said. "I'm not looking forward to getting out. I like tests math, adding and school work."

Megan Sullivan said she plans to "go play with my friends." Megan likes to play video games, dolls, and play outside. She also wants to sleep late.

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state and federal agencies to repair the damage done to the county's infrastructure. Eighty-five percent of the funds needed for reconstruction to pre-flood conditions will be provided, with 75 percent provided by federal funding, and 10 percent provided by the state.

There is a possibility the state will absorb the additional 15 percent of the cost toward reconstruction as was done in 1990. Normally, the county would have to provide the funds in money or in-kind work.

Webb concluded his report by commenting, "Generally, recovery is going well and quickly."

County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that work on the county's flood-damaged roads is going well.

He reported that county crews are concentrating on the washouts at the edge of the pavement due to the danger to motorists traveling the roadways.

The engineer told commissioners that the number of closed roads in the county is down from 52 to six, and he hoped that figure would be down to one or two by the end of the week.

Tindell stated that an accurate figure - dollar wise - on the damage done to the county's roads would be forthcoming as soon as survey crews complete their inspection to damage sites.

In his report, Tindell asked for resolutions to bid fuel, pipe and also authorizing the application for a transportation enhancement grant to be used at the county's landfill.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley recommended that Kathryn Lolley, a certified public accountant, be hired as the assistant county administrator. The commissioners concurred, setting her annual salary at \$33,000.

Mobley reported that a \$35,000 grant has been received by the county for a Family Services Center.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook told commissioners that the revised county employee handbook was in its final stages and would soon be ready for review by the commission.

A lengthy discussion took place at the beginning of the meeting as several county residents in attendance registered their complaints and requests concerning dirt roads.

A Mr. Jones and Ms. Griffin addressed the commission concerning Co. Rd. 718.

"We would like get our road paved," said Jones.

He stated that they had been trying to get something done on the road since 1990.

Charles Ellison told commission-

ers, "I just want to say I need some help on Co. Rd. 258. I've got some pictures if you want to see them. I've been through this several times, hauling dirt back up the hill."

A group of citizens from District One appeared before the commission to express their concerns about the impassable conditions of Co. Rds. 365 and 360 when it rains.

Jerry Chandler told commissioners, "We have not had problems from just the recent floods, we've had trouble since the '90 flood."

When it rains, the school bus will not travel the road nor will the rescue squad ambulance come out, he said.

"In fall and winter of 1992, the road or a portion of the road was covered by water 13 times," said Chandler. "We need your help."

Others addressing the commission on singular road conditions were a Mrs. Howell - Co. Rd. 641; a Mr. Estes - Co. Rd. 657; and Shay Howell - Co. Rd. 642.

All expressed their concerns over the condition of the roads when it rains and asked the commissioners for help.

The commissioners told all present that it was their desire to fix or pave all the dirt roads in the county, but were quick to add that funding was the key factor in accomplishing this goal.

In other business, the commission:

• Approved the final plat for the Evergreen Subdivision located at the intersection of Co. Rds. 156 and 157.

• Tabled bids received on traffic striping. Two bids were received: one from Ozark Striping for \$64,168.00 and the other from Marcato & Sons, Inc. for \$67,757.86.

• Signed a resolution declaring County Administrator Wilson Mobley as the designated agent to deal with FEMA and other agencies providing relief to the county for flood damage.

• Approved a motion that all rental of the Farm Center receive prior approval from the county commission.

• Approved a motion to transfer a county employee with the maintenance department, Todd Rugg, to another department due to the fact that he is the nephew of Phil Rugg, who is the supervisor of that department. This is in violation of the provisions of the county employees' handbook.

• Re-appointed Lamar Bradshaw to the Tabernacle-Clintonville Water Authority.

• Approved a one-time appropriation of \$1,000 to the Enterprise Junior College's Art Department for work done on the mural in the Community Room in the County Complex.



SUPER WET VAC....Solid Waste Services - Panama City Division is cleaning the city's storm drains, removing debris and sand clogging the system. Some of the drains have not been cleaned since the '90 flood. Officials with SWS stated that most all the drains, especially the ones in the downtown area, will be cleaned during the clean-up/recovery process.

Council meetings draw large crowd

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

The Elba City Council held the required two monthly meetings on Monday evening of this week. Expecting a large turn-out of the first meeting since the March 8th flood, the meeting was held in the cafeteria of the Elba High School. About 70 citizens attended the meeting, many hoping to hear something good in the aftermath of the flood.

The first council meeting was brief and handled the routine mat-

ters of the council.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported the members of his department are back on routine shifts. He told the council that numerous agencies have helped with police duties following the recent flood. Whitworth said all the police files were wet from the flood and have been sent off for restoration.

The council heard a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board to rezone from R-1 to R-2, property on Neil Grantham Drive, owned by Foy Reeves. The council accepted the recommendations and

approved the change. Councilman Ben Carpenter abstained because he also serves as chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board.

The council adopted a resolution to participate in the summer feeding program with the local schools.

Monthly bills totaling \$13,399.88 were approved for payment. They include \$3,108.82 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$967.92 for paving and street repair; \$1,042.50 accounting and \$1,544.35 for radio equipment.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow told the council everything was almost back to normal. All but one sewer line is fixed and it should be fixed in a day or so. He said he was happy to report that the main computer at city hall was saved. This is the one which includes the utility billing and the payroll information.

The council passed a resolution naming Morrow as the local agent to handle the mountain of government paperwork relating to the flood disaster.

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5 Ac +/- fenced - UNDER CONTRACT

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